

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were previously canceled.

Claims 11-45 have been canceled.

New claims 46-56 are presented for prosecution. Of these, claim 46 is an independent apparatus claim. Claim 46 is patterned after claim 15 of commonly-owned U.S. 6,575,919, but omits the element of a latching mechanism and adds the element of first and second markers.

Claims 46-56 remain pending in the application.

Claims 11-45 stood rejected in various combinations under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Strasser et al U.S. 4,838,282 (Strasser '282) in view of Woo U.S. 3,943,932 (Woo '932) or Strasser '282 in view of Woo '932 further in view of Webster US. 4,820,755 or Bhiwandker et al. U.S. 3,523,011 or Olson U.S. 3,258,312. None of the cited references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a tool in which, when a composite handle is formed, first and second gripping surfaces fit together to form a composite finger gripping surface that includes the first and second finger gripping surfaces and first and second markers are located in a pre-determined visual alignment.

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